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METHOD WITH VEHICLE
PARAMETER TRACKING

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
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This is in response to the Office Action mailed November 9, 2000.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.111 and 1.121, kindly amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

1. (Amended) A stored energy tracking system for a vehicle in a shared vehicle system wherein a central computer system allocates vehicles to users in response to requests by users, the vehicle having a stored energy source defining a stored amount of energy [SAE] at any given time, the system comprising:
 - a sensor installed in the vehicle for sensing the stored amount of energy [SAE] of the vehicle;
 - a vehicle subsystem including a wireless communication unit installed in the vehicle and operatively coupled to the sensor for transmitting stored amount of energy